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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO (VARROS)

PANAMA FOR RSS PASS RMO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: COMSEC TEAM, NEW CHANCERY

REF: A. B.A. 7054
B. STATE 266216
C. TELECON DIKEOS/BECKETT 12/13/75

1. DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 1975, SEVERAL MEETINGS WERE HELD BETWEEN THE RSS, RSO, AND FBO REPRESENTATIVES. AS A RESULT OF THESE MEETINGS, THE FOLLOWNG IS MADE AVAILABLE FOR PLANNING IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMSEC TEAM:
A. SOME WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK. SUBSTANTIAL CONSTRUCTION WILL BE RESUMED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15TH. AT FIRST, WORKING HOURS WILL BE 0600-1600 MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY. ON FRIDAY THEIR HOURS WILL BE 0600 THROUGH 1500. WORK WILL NOT BE CARRIED OUT IN THE BUILDING ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

B. AS SOON AS CRITICAL PATH ANALYSIS COMPLETED, WORK WILL GO INTO DOUBLE SHIFT. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL BE AS SOON AS PSSIBLE IN JANUARY BUT SHOULD BE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15TH. HOURS WILL BE 0600-2100 MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AND 0600-1500 FRIDAY.
C. THE INITIAL WORK FORCE WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT 50 IN-
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DIVIDUALS. EXACT ESTIMATE OF NUMBER OF WORKERS TO BE ON

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SITE CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED AS OF THIS DATE. HOWEVER,
DURING PERIODS OF SHIFT OVERLAP WORKING STAFF COULD REACH 600.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS RECOMMENDED WITH RESPECT TO THE INITIAL
COMSEC UNIT.
A. COMSEC MARINES: MARINE UNIT SHOULD CONSIST OF AT LEAST
FIVE WATCHSTANDERS TO BE IN PLACE AND READY TO COMMENCE DUTIES
JANUARY 15, 1976. THESE MSGS WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO THE
EXISTING MSG DETACHMENT.
B. SEABEES: THE NEW EMBASSY STRUCTURE CONSISTS OF FOUR
FLOORS ABOVE GROUND AND TWO BELOW. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT
THE INITIAL SEABEE UNIT CONSIST OF AN NCOIC PLUS SIX
SPECIALISTS. DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE WORK FORCE TO
BE PLACED IN THE BUILDING IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO REQUEST THAT
SEABEE ELEMENT BE INCREASED TO 11 OR 12 MEMBERS.

3. RSO COMMENT: WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE COMSEC UNIT (FIRST
PART OF JANUARY, 1976) THE MARINE DETACHMENT AT THIS POST
WILL HAVE A STRENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY 24 MEN. THIS IS
COMBINING THE FUNCTION OF COMSEC TEAM, PPSU AND CHANCERY
WATCHSTANDERS. IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE RSO
THAT THE DETACHMENT BE AUGMENTED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE
NCO WHO WILL ASSIST THE NCOIC. IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED
THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL BE FULLY TRAINED IN THE ADMINIS-
TRATIVE PROCESSES OF AN MSG DETACHMENT.

4. THE COMSEC UNIT IS REQUESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PROVISIONS OF AIRGRAM A-3130 DATED APRIL, 1973. IN ACCORD-
ANCE WITH DEPARTMENTAL POLICY THE UNIT IS NECESSARY TO
PRECLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF CLANDESTINE LISTENING DEVICES
IN THE NEW CHANCERY. THE COMSEC UNIT IS ESTIMATED TO BE
NECESSARY FOR A PERIOD OF SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS. MEMBERS OF
THE UNIT WILL BE RELEASED AT SUCH TIME AS THEIR PRESENCE
IS NO LONGER NEEDED TO PROTECT THE SITE.
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